

**REMARKS**

Applicants' undersigned attorney appreciates the Examiner's consideration of the foregoing addition of Claims 25-28 during the recent telephone conversation. As discussed, this amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 is submitted in order to add new Claims 25-28 directed to a method of use of the fiber amplifier system of allowed independent Claim 1. As will be noted, the foregoing claim additions do not introduce new matter or raise any new issues, should be patentable for at least the same reasons as allowed independent Claim 1, and should therefore be suitable for entry even after the Notice of Allowance.

As such, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the foregoing amendments prior to issuance of the present application. If any questions should arise regarding this Amendment, the Office is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned attorney to resolve those questions in the most expeditious manner.

Respectfully submitted,



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